



CONSULTANT SERVICES

Nutritionist Expertise support to the Indonesia Compact's Community-Based Nutrition Project to Prevent Stunting

A. Introduction

The Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) has a requirement for project assessment and implementation expertise related to various development programs in MCC affiliated countries. The MCC will obtain the required services through a competitive procurement to provide professional experience related to providing health technical support to a wide range of nutrition and maternal and child health specific issues.

On January 23, 2003, the United States established the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC), an innovative foreign assistance program designed to reduce poverty by promoting sustainable economic growth. MCC, a U.S. government corporation, is based on the principle that aid is most effective in countries that promote good governance, economic freedom, and investments in people.

B. Background

MCC's overriding objectives are to promote economic growth and a significant reduction in poverty in our partner countries. MCC does not take it for granted that programs that stimulate growth will invariably reduce poverty. MCC looks at the likely distributive effects of projects and, to the extent that data are available to perform such an analysis, identifies the beneficiaries and estimates the impact on poverty reduction. Ultimately, MCC seeks significant and measurable increases in incomes of large numbers of poor people and significant reductions in poverty.

MCC analyzes the likely impact on economic growth of its programs by analyzing whether they are consistent with international and country evidence on drivers of economic growth and by use of economic rate of return (ERR) analysis. The essence of such an analysis is a straightforward comparison of costs and benefits, where the costs are the MCA grants, other front-end project development costs, and associated project life cycle operating and maintenance costs, and the benefits are increases in incomes in recipient countries.

C. Scope

The purpose of this consultancy is to assist MCC in assessing and providing oversight to the micronutrient powder provision activity within the Indonesia Compact's Community-Based Nutrition Project to Reduce Stunting.

D. Tasks

The consultant's assignments include the following:

- Assess the proposed dosing on the micronutrient powder provision activity within the Indonesia Compact's Community-Based Nutrition Project to Reduce Stunting;

- Assess and analyze the ideal usage of micronutrient powders, in particular Taburia in the communities in Indonesia which the project is working;
- Make recommendations to MCC and MCA-Indonesia regarding the critical nutrients that are needed in complementary feeding;
- Assess local market situation and nutrients in locally-available food for complementary feeding;
- Perform ongoing literature reviews of research on micronutrient powders;
- Monitor existing MCC Compact activities and support Compact implementation, including support for procurement-related tasks (terms of reference, reviews of progress reports, etc) in relation to the micronutrient powder provision activity within the Indonesia Compact's Community-Based Nutrition Project to Reduce Stunting;
- Provide technical reviews of consultant reports, and inputs to MCC monitoring and evaluation activities in relation to the micronutrient powder provision activity within the Indonesia Compact's Community-Based Nutrition Project to Reduce Stunting;
- Support MCC in undertaking implementation oversight functions in relation to the micronutrient powder provision activity within the Indonesia Compact's Community-Based Nutrition Project to Reduce Stunting (participation in donor conferences and reviews, annual or semi-annual reviews of project progress, assessing weaknesses and building implementation capacities in specified areas, or specific oversight functions related to the quality or timeliness of project implementation); and
- Other functions as required, including review of country progress in meeting condition precedents, development of legislation or regulation, and writing project success stories and close-out reports.

The consultant is precluded from bidding on work and services (design, assessment, construction and supervision) to be procured by the local MCA accountable entity or using funds advanced under a Compact in the relevant country. The designated consultant shall coordinate activities with local authorities responsible for MCC Compact implementation as well as other donors, as relevant. The consultant shall report directly to the designated COR/PM.

E. Deliverables

The consultant shall support MCC in reviewing the design and implementation planning and oversight on the micronutrient powder provision activity within the Indonesia Compact's Community-Based Nutrition Project to Reduce Stunting. The consultant shall provide services to MCC as required. In order to support MCC in the flexible and timely manner required to meet the evolving needs of Compact implementation, technical directives under this statement of work will be issued by the COR and the consultant deployed each time the consultant's services are needed over the course of this contract. No additional tasks shall imply any additional costs to the Government beyond the amount allowed for in the initial call order; however, this call order may be modified by the MCC Contracting Officer to reflect changes, and possible additional costs associated with implementation planning and oversight requirements in additional countries.

Acceptance Criteria

Deliverable 1: Trip reports, ad hoc reports or information as required by the COR/PM.

Deliverable 2: Final report, including comments by MCC, due as per agreement between the consultant and the COR prior to completion of this call order.

F. Conflict of Interest

The consultant would be precluded from bidding on work and services (design, assessment, construction and supervision) to be procured by the local MCA accountable entity or using funds advanced under a Threshold in the relevant country, unless the consultant submits a mitigation plan sufficient to ameliorate any conflict of interest pursuant to the rules applicable to the procurement process.

G. Period of Performance

This consultancy may be filled as a short or long term consultancy with a 12 month period of performance. The estimated number of hours are 800.

H. Performance Location

The consultant shall perform the tasks under this contract in Indonesia and any MCC eligible country and in MCC offices in Washington DC, and at his/her own facilities.

I. Timing and Reporting

All formal communication with MCC, including reports, will be submitted to the Contracting Officer Representative (COR)/Project Monitor (PM). The COR/PM for this requirement will be identified via separate correspondence.

The COR/PM will have technical responsibility for monitoring the contractor's performance. The COR/PM will review and evaluate the contractor's performance, and also will coordinate any communications with relevant counterparts and other donor agencies and organizations.

Any changes in the terms of the Call Order will be made in writing and approved by the Contracting Officer. No representation of the COR/PM shall serve as a basis for an alteration in the general scope of this Call Order or of the terms and conditions of the Call Order unless confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer. The contractor must communicate with the Contracting Officer on all matters that pertain to the Contract terms. Proceeding with the work without proper contractual coverage could result in nonpayment for that work.

J. Other Requirements

International travel may be required. The Consultant may be requested to mobilize on a short notice and will be expected to deliver high quality finished products in a timely manner.